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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM DEXTER

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TAGS : OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT : SECRETARY'S TRAVEL TO OASGA - RIO DE JANEIRO STOPOVER

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1. I ASSUME THAT THE SECRETARY WOULD WANT THE STOPOVER IN RIO TO BE SIMILAR IN GENERAL SPIRIT TO HIS FEBRUARY VISIT AND WE COULD PROVIDE A COMPARABLE PROGRAM.

2. WITH REGARD TO ACCOMMODATIONS, A HOTEL WOULD AGAIN OFFER CERTAIN ADVANTAGES FROM SECURITY, COMMUNICATIONS, AND STAFF SUPPORT POINTS OF VIEW. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE SHERATON GIVES US CONFIDENCE THAT SATISFACTORY ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE READILY MADE THERE. ON THE OTHER HAND, CONSIDERATION MIGHT BE GIVEN TO THE DESIRABILITY, FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS REASONS, OF GIVING THE OPPORTUNITY THIS TIME TO THE OTHER US-OWNED HOTEL IN RIO, THE INTERCONTINENTAL. WE NOTE THAT NOT ONLY DID SECRETARY KISSINGER STAY AT THE SHERATON BUT THAT SECRETARY SIMON IS ALSO PLANNING TO DO SO.

3. IF THE SECRETARY WOULD PREFER A PRIVATE HOME, I WOULD BE HAPPY AGAIN TO OFFER THE CONGEN RESIDENCE, THOUGH NOTING AGAIN

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THE PROBLEM WE HAVE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH NEARBY APART-

MENT CONSTRUCTION, WHICH IMPEDES THE VIEW AND PRODUCES BOTHER-SOME NOISE INCLUDING ON EVENINGS AND SATURDAYS. NEW CONSTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY OFF THE MAIN BALCONIES OUTSIDE THE SLEEPING AND ENTERTAINMENT AREAS OF THE RESIDENCE MIGHT ALSO RAISE SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. OTHERWISE THE RESIDENCE WOULD PROBABLY BE A GOOD CHOICE. WE COULD ALSO LOOK FOR AN AVAILABLE PRIVATE DWELLING OR THE EMBASSY MIGHT SEE IF THE GOB COULD COME UP WITH SOMETHING.

4. THE RECREATIONAL POSSIBILITIES WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THOSE AVAILABLE IN FEBRUARY AND MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, INCLUDE A SMALL DINNER "AT HOME" ONE EVENING AND A RESTAURANT MEAL IN TOWN ON THE OTHER. ALSO, PRIVATE DINNER AND LUNCHEON INVITATIONS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE ABUNDANT IF THE SECRETARY WERE THOUGHT TO BE AVAILABLE. FOR POST-DINNER ENTERTAINMENT, OPTIONS WOULD INCLUDE A NIGHT CLUB (THOUGH THERE ARE NO REALLY OUTSTANDING ONES IN RIO), A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MUSICAL OR DANCE PERFORMANCE OR A SAMBA SCHOOL EXHIBITION ARRANGED ESPECIALLY FOR THE SECRETARY (AT A DIFFERENT LOCALE THAN LAST TIME). SAILING COULD BE READILY ARRANGED. ALTERNATIVELY, OR ADDITIONALLY, THE SECRETARY MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER A SIGHTSEEING DRIVE IN RIO ENVIRONS AND PERHAPS TO PETROPOLIS OR TERESOPOLIS.
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